

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method for defraying the cost of a collection or storage service for a divisible medical material comprising dividing said material into at least two portions, selling or donating a first portion of said material and using the proceeds from said sale or tax credits from said donation to defray the cost of collecting the material or storing a second portion of said material.
- 10 2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising recovering said material from a donor.
- 15 3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising concentrating said material.
- 20 4. The method according to claim 3, wherein said concentrating occurs prior to said dividing.
- 25 5. The method according to claim 1, further comprising diluting said material.
- 30 6. The method according to claim 5, wherein said diluting occurs prior to said dividing.
- 35 7. The method according to claim 1, further comprising purifying said material.
8. The method according to claim 7, wherein said purifying occurs prior to said dividing.
9. The method according to claim 1, further comprising amplifying said material.
- 35 10. The method according to claim 9, wherein said amplifying occurs prior to said dividing.

11. A method for defraying the cost of a storage service for umbilical cord blood stem cells comprising dividing said umbilical cord blood into at least two portions, selling or donating a first portion of said umbilical cord blood and using the proceeds from said sale or tax credits from said donation to defray the costs of storing a second portion of said umbilical cord blood.
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12. The method according to claim 11, further comprising recovering said umbilical cord blood from a donor.
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13. The method according to claim 11, further comprising concentrating said umbilical cord blood.
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14. The method according to claim 13, wherein said concentrating occurs prior to said dividing.
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15. The method according to claim 11, further comprising diluting said umbilical cord blood.
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16. The method according to claim 15, wherein said diluting occurs prior to said dividing.
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17. The method according to claim 11, further comprising purifying said umbilical cord blood.
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18. The method according to claim 17, wherein said purifying occurs prior to said dividing.
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19. The method according to claim 11, further comprising amplifying said umbilical cord blood.
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20. The method according to claim 19, wherein said amplifying occurs prior to said dividing.
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21. The method according to claim 11, further comprising stabilizing said umbilical cord blood.

22. The method according to claim 21, wherein said stabilizing occurs prior to said dividing.